

August 11, 2010

ADDENDUM #1 TO
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
INVITATION FOR BID
#HWY-309727-RP

The purpose of this addendum is for an Approved Equals Request for Exceptions for the 35-Passenger Over the Road Mid-Size Coach Vehicles.

All other terms, conditions, specifications and incidentals shall remain the same as originally stated in Invitation for Bid #HWY-309727-RP

ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

_____ (Vendor Signature)

_____ (Date)

hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of Addendum #1.

A copy of this signed addendum **MUST** be included with your bid response. Failure to include a copy of this addendum with your response will result in disqualification of your response.

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MDT TRANSIT VEHICLES

REQUEST FOR EXCEPTIONS/APPROVED EQUALS FORM

IFB NUMBER: HWY#309727

TITLE OF DOCUMENT REFERENCE: Approved Equals/Equipment Request

TYPE OF VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT: 35 Passenger Midsized Coach

PAGES & REFERENCE: 6

BIDDERS REQUEST AND MDT RESPONSE:

Please approve these changes to the 35 passenger midsized coach bid. We appreciate your agency's attention and please contact me if further information is needed.

#	Pg.	Spec #	Specification Ref.	Request for exception or approved equal	MDT Response	MDT Comment
1	12	5.1.6	Interior Ceiling	On our 102" wide bus, the ceiling height in the center of the aisle is approximately 82"	Yes	
2	12	5.2.1	Engine	Please note that there is not a brake retarder available on this chassis.	Yes	
3	16	5.5.4	Sun Visor	Please accept a pull down shade from Automotion on the front and side of the driver's area for this procurement. See attached pictures.	Yes	
4	17	5.6.3	Rear Bumper	Please clarify if you are looking for a Transpec/Romeo Rim energy absorbing bumper for this procurement. The specification states energy absorbing and steel. Normally an energy absorbing bumper is an aluminum frame with a rubber exterior designed to minimize damage from low speed	Yes	Steel and aluminum are acceptable. Must be "Energy Absorbing" and meet FMVSS regulations.

				collisions. Information is attached.		
5	18	5.6.6	Wheel chair lift door	Please accept a spring loaded gas strut to hold open the lift doors. We have found that this is an extremely well made strut that will keep the doors open under most conditions.	Yes	
6	18	5.6.7	Rear Luggage Door	Please accept a spring loaded gas strut to hold open the luggage doors. We have found that this is an extremely well made strut that will keep the doors open under most conditions.	Yes	
7	20	5.6.13	Front Destination Sign	Please clarify the model of Luminator signs that you are asking for. There are many different combinations that can affect price. This enables vendors to procure proper pricing and also to make sure the agency is getting the sign they are looking for.	N/A	Luminator Horizon amber LED and Operator Display and Keyboard (ODK).*
8	21	5.7.3	Wiring	Please accept a fuse panel that has an exterior weatherproof door that allows for easier access to the fuse panel compartment. See attached picture. There is a removable panel on the inside, but it accessed the back of the fuse panel.	Yes	
9	21	5.7.3	Wiring	Please accept that the CTS RE has multiplex wiring as a standard feature. Information regarding the multiplex system is attached.	Yes	
10	22	5.7.7	Passenger Seats	Please accept standard Freedman foldaway seats in the w/c areas as they provide a better alternative to fit in the space provided without hindering any aisle width. This is the seat that we use when installing foldaway seats in the ABC units that we currently build. The seats will have the same fabric as the Amaya Patriot seats. See attached picture.	Yes	Freedman foldaway and fold and slide seats are both acceptable. Seat coverings must match stationary seats.

11	23	5.7.8	Passenger Seat Belts	Please accept a retractable seat belt provided by Amaya in lieu of the USR seat belts. The Amaya retractable belt is the only seat belt available on the Amaya Patriot seats that is tested. The Freedman USR seat belts are not available on the Amaya seats.	Yes	
12	23	5.7.9	Grab rails, stanchions, and Modesty panels	Please accept a modesty panel made of ABS. See attached picture.	Yes	
13	23	5.7.9	Grab rails, stanchions, and Modesty panels	If the ABS modesty panel is not acceptable, then please accept a plywood modesty panel that is covered to match the seat material and trimmed out with aluminum trim. See attached picture.	N/A	
14	23	5.7.10	Lavatory	Please accept the Monogram Model #32000-230 Recirculating flush type w/ stainless steel insert w/ heavy duty toilet seat, toilet paper holder, trash can, mirror, fiberglass enclosure and holder for hand sanitizer. See attached pictures.	Yes	Furthermore, vendors can spec a holder for hand sanitizer in place of the stainless steel sink.
15	24	5.7.11	Overhead Storage	Please accept overhead parcel racks made by Pretoria with no doors. We have these designed for this bus and have been installing for numerous years and they have proven to be a strong durable rack in coach use and still has that high end coach look. See attached pictures.	Yes	
16	25	5.7.14	Floor	Please accept a .020 galvanized steel for the barrier between the plywood and steel structure.	Yes	
17	26	5.7.16	Interior Lights	Please clarify what you are looking for in track lighting. Are you looking for the fluorescent type lights to run down each side of the aisle?	Yes	
18	28	5.9.1	Wheelchair lift	Please clarify if you are looking for a platform lift or an in step lift. The Braun UVL lift is an in step lift, but most of the references refer	N/A	Will accept Bruan NUVL 855 or Millennium

				to a platform lift, such as a NL917. See attached brochures for the differences.		Series 2 w/ platform size 31"x48" min.
19	30	5.9.8	Interlock System	Please accept the Freightliner OEM interlock system for this procurement. This meets all applicable regulations and minimizes any extra add on components.	Yes	
20	31	5.9.12	Wheelchair Restraint Track	Please note that the wheelchair track will stop short of the rear wall due to the wheel well.	Yes	As long as the securement stations meet ADA regs.
21	37	6.0.	Anticipated Date of Delivery Agreement	Please accept a delivery date of 240 days after receipt of confirmed order. The chassis delivery time is usually 90-120 days. We are also in the process of rebuilding from a fire that took place here on February 14. See attached article and pictures of new building. Also production of the chassis' is taking a little longer than normal due to the new emissions engines that are required now for 2010.	Yes	Due to the unexpected fire at the Champion facility, we approve the extension in aim to support competitive bidding.

Image 1: Exterior Fuse Box Access



Image 2: Overhead Storage



Image 3: Window Shades



Image 4: Modesty Panel Made of ABS



Image 5: Bathroom Toilet



Image 6: Bathroom Wall



***Additional Acceptable Front Destination Sign Product Features:**

- Single-pixel design, oval shaped lens, and wide 160-degree viewing angle provides superior readability as vehicle approaches. Operator Display and Keyboard (ODK) has PCMCIA port allows for rapid downloading of message listings.

- LED intensity automatically adjusts to ambient environment. Six levels, including delayed response, avoid fluctuating brightness during variable light intervals.
- Advanced, modular system has only four subassemblies. Solid-state design means no moving parts. Positive heat displacement eliminates the need for cooling fans and filters. Installation and maintenance require no specific tools.
- Plug-and-play compatible with Luminator MAX2000 and MAX3000 designs. Easy retrofit with same mounting points as MAX3000.
- New horizontal and vertical scrolling programming feature has sparkle fade-in and fade-out capability.
- Horizon system is designed to interface with other electronic components. Compatible with SAE-J-1708, RS-232, and RS-485 protocols.

MDT FINAL COMMENT:

This is the first midsize coach style bus the MDT has built in recent years and we expect some equipment variations. The vendor has successfully fielded questions and provided sufficient supporting documents which suggest that all requested items meet or exceed the intended functions of that specified. It is acceptable for the items not available on the XB-75 style chassis to be excluded from bid presentations as the MDT was unaware of the product applicability. Furthermore, the approved equals list does not compromise the interest of the grantee nor the federal grant providers. The MDT sees fit to approve all requested items. Comments of importance are noted in the “MDT Comment” column of the equipment chart.